

**§ 59.910 Eligibility of foreign countries for importation of egg products into the United States.**

(a) Whenever it is determined by the Administrator that the system of egg products inspection maintained by any foreign country is such that the egg products produced in such country are processed, labeled, and packaged in accordance with, and otherwise comply with, the standards of the Act and these regulations including, but not limited to the same sanitary, processing, facility requirements, and continuous Government inspection as required in §§ 59.500 through 59.580 applicable to inspected articles produced within the United States, notice of that fact will be given by listing the name of such foreign country in paragraph (b) of this section. Thereafter, egg products from the countries so listed shall be eligible, subject to the provisions of this part and other applicable laws and regulations, for importation into the United States. Such products to be imported into the United States from these foreign countries must meet, to the extent applicable, the same standards and requirements that apply to comparable domestic products as set forth in these regulations. Egg products from foreign countries not listed herein are not eligible for importation into the United States, except as provided by § 59.960. In determining if the inspection system of a foreign country is the equivalent of the system maintained by the United States, the Administrator shall review the inspection regulations of the foreign country and make a survey to determine the manner in which the inspection system is administered within the foreign country. The survey of the foreign inspection system may be expedited by payment by the interested Government agency in the foreign country of the travel expenses incurred in making the survey. After approval of the inspection system of a foreign country, the Administrator may, as often and to the extent deemed necessary, authorize representatives of the Department to review the system to determine that it is maintained in such a manner as to be the equivalent of the system maintained by the United States.

(b) It has been determined that each of the following foreign countries maintain an egg products inspection system that is the equivalent of the system maintained by the United States: Canada, The Netherlands.

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**§ 59.915 Foreign inspection certificate required.**

(a) *Egg products.* Except as provided in § 59.960, each consignment of egg products, as defined in this part, shall be accompanied by a foreign egg products inspection certificate, which, unless otherwise approved by the Administrator, contains the following information:

- (1) Country exporting product;
- (2) City and date where issued;
- (3) Kind of product, number of containers, and weight;
- (4) Production date(s) of product;
- (5) Identification marks on containers;
- (6) Name and address of exporter;
- (7) Name, address, and plant number of processing plant;
- (8) Name and address of importer;
- (9) A certification that the egg products were produced under the approved regulations, requirements, and continuous Government inspection of the exporting country and;
- (10) Name (including signature) and official title of person authorized to issue inspection certificates for egg products exported to the United States.

(b) *Shell eggs.* Except as otherwise provided in § 59.960, each consignment of shell eggs shall be accompanied by a foreign inspection certificate, which, unless otherwise approved by the Administrator contains the following information:

- (1) Country exporting product;
- (2) City and date where issued;
- (3) Quality or description of eggs;
- (4) Number of cases and total quantity;
- (5) Identification marks on containers;
- (6) Name and address of exporter;
- (7) Name and address of importer;